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AS BUDGET  
NIGHT LEAD BERLIN  
BY GENE KRAMER

BERLIN, DEC. 25 (AP)-WEST BERLINERS CELEBRATED A WHITE CHRISTMAS TODAY, BUOYED BY A NEW ASSURANCE FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY THAT THE BEACON OF FREE BERLIN "WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE BRIGHTLY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME."

"WE ARE AT YOUR SIDE--AS BEFORE," KENNEDY DECLARED IN A TAPE TELEVISION BROADCAST PUBLICIZED WITHIN THIS WALLED CITY FOR DAYS IN ADVANCE. "WE SHALL STAY.

"UNTIL TRULY THERE IS GOOD WILL AMONG MEN, NOT WALLS TO DIVIDE THEM, OUR PURSUIT OF PEACE SHALL CONTINUE."

GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN BERLIN, SAID IN A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE ON THE SAME PROGRAM "WE AMERICANS WHO ARE NOW IN BERLIN ARE PROUD TO HAVE OUR CHRISTMAS WITH YOU AS EVIDENCE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM."

WEST BERLINERS WERE PARTICULARLY GLADDENED BY KENNEDY'S WORDS "MANY YEARS TO COME."

SURROUNDED BY COMMUNIST TERRITORY, THEY FEAR THAT ANY SLACKENING OF WESTERN DETERMINATION TO HOLD BERLIN WOULD SIGNAL A GRADUAL WITHERING AWAY OF THE FREE LIFE THEY HAVE ENJOYED SINCE WORLD WAR II.

WEST BERLIN MAYOR WILLY BRANDT IN A CABLE TO WASHINGTON THANKED KENNEDY FOR HIS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

"IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE PEACE BERLINERS FEEL CLOSELY ATTACHED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," BRANDT TOLD KENNEDY.  
"BERLINERS WILL TAKE UPON THEMSELVES NEW BURDENS RATHER THAN TO FORSAKE CONVICTIONS AND PRINCIPLES WHICH FREE MEN ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE WILLING TO DEFEND."

THE HOLIDAY WAS OBSERVED AT CHURCH SERVICES FILLED TO CAPACITY IN BOTH WEST AND EAST BERLIN, DESPITE ANTI-PATHY TOWARD RELIGION BY THE COMMUNIST EAST GERMAN REGIME.

THE SERVICES WERE FOLLOWED BY TRADITIONAL FAMILY FEASTS OF GOOSE, SORROWFUL IN MANY A HOME BECAUSE OF THE WALL RAISED BY THE COMMUNISTS LAST AUGUST. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ONE WEST BERLIN FAMILY IN FOUR HAS SOMEONE CAUGHT IN THE EAST.

CHRISTMAS EVE SNOW FLURRIES HAD BRIGHTENED THE CITY'S WOODED PARKS. IT WAS BERLIN'S FIRST WHITE CHRISTMAS IN FIVE YEARS. HUNDREDS OF FAMILY GROUPS SPENT PART OF THE HOLIDAY IN A TYPICAL BERLIN WINTER PASTIME, CRUICING THROUGH THE BELOVED GRUNEWALD AND OTHER CITY FORESTS.

AS ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THRONGS OF BERLINERS GAZED AT THE BORDER WALL, ITS HARSH OUTLINES NOW SOMEWHAT SOFTENED BY SNOW. COMMUNIST GUARDS DISCOURAGED EAST BERLINERS FROM APPROACHING TOO CLOSE TO THE BORDER, WHERE SOME 800 CHRISTMAS TREES HAVE BEEN PLACED, A GIFT OF THE PEOPLE OF WEST GERMANY AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS.

MANY OF THE AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS ON BORDER DUTY CHRISTMAS EVE IN WEST BERLIN WERE RELIEVED AND GOT THE DAY OFF.

FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, 72-YEAR-OLD CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK, SPENT A BUSY CHRISTMAS WITH U.S. TROOPS. THERE WAS A MIDNIGHT MASS FOLLOWED BY TWO MORNING MASSES AND CALLS ON VIRTUALLY EVERY MAJOR UNIT IN THE 11,500-MEMBER U.S. BERLIN GARRISON. THE CARDINAL WALKED INTO THE U.S. "CHECKPOINT CHARLIE" HUT AND INTO THE U.S. TANK CAMP, BOTH NEAR THE BORDER OF FRIEDERICHSTRASSE.

SOCIAL WELFARE WORKERS REPORTED A PREDICTED INCREASE IN WOULD-BE SUICIDES IN WEST BERLIN BECAUSE OF THE WALL AND AT LEAST THREE SUICIDES. A WELFARE GROUP THAT SPECIALIZES IN ENCOURAGING DESPONDENT PEOPLE REPORTED GETTING MORE THAN 60 CALLS, COMPARED TO THE USUAL 25 TO 30 A DAY.

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TOKYO, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE STALINIST LEADERS OF ALBANIA, OUTCASTS FROM THE SOVIET BLOC, HAILED RED CHINA AS A LOYAL INTERNATIONAL FRIEND IN A MESSAGE PLAYED UP BY THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY TODAY.

"IT (CHINA) HAS BECOME A POWERFUL MAINSTAY AND A LOFTY AND INSPIRING EXAMPLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ASIA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO ARE FIGHTING AGAINST IMPERIALISM, FOR FREEDOM, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS," THE MESSAGE SAID.

THE MESSAGE WAS SENT TO MAO TZE-TUNG AND PEIPING GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS BY GEN. ENVER HOXA, CHIEF OF THE ALBANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, IN RESPONSE TO PEIPING'S GREETINGS TO TIRANA ON ALBANIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY NOV. 29. CO-SIGNERS WERE ALBANIA'S PRESIDENT HAXHI LLESHI AND PREMIER MEHMET SCHECHU. RED CHINESE AID HAS HELPED TO SUSTAIN ALBANIA SINCE SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV CUT IT ADRIFF LAST FALL.

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TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE NEWSPAPER MAARIV SAID TODAY THE SOVIET UNION IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC FOR NAVAL BASES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TO REPLACE THOSE LOST IN COMMUNIST ALBANIA.

QUOTING "RELIABLE FOREIGN SOURCES," THE NEWSPAPER SAID A 10-MEMBER SOVIET MILITARY MISSION RECENTLY INSPECTED VARIOUS U.A.R. BASES. MAARIV SAID THE MISSION ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF DELIVERING 15 SUBMARINES TO THE U.A.R. INSTEAD OF 12, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

THE SOVIET UNION LOST ITS LONE BASE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN ALBANIA WHEN THE TWO NATIONS BECAME BITTERLY ENTANGLED IN AN IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTE. RECENTLY, THE TWO NATIONS BROKE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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TOKYO, DEC. 25 (AP)-COMMUNIST CHINA SAID TODAY PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ADMINISTRATION IS OUTSTRIPPING THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION IN MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY DECLARED THAT THE FIRST YEAR OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION HAS SEEN "ARMS EXPANSION AND WAR PREPARATIONS IN A STILL QUICKER PACE, STILL MORE AND COSTLY" THAN DURING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

"IN CARRYING OUT ARMS EXPANSION AND WAR PREPARATIONS, THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION PLANNED TO SPEND STILL MORE AND CARED LESS FOR FINANCIAL LIMITS THAN ITS PREDECESSOR," THE AGENCY SAID.

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FOREIGN AID (130)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 25 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES DISTRIBUTED \$5.2 BILLION IN VARIOUS FORMS OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID DURING THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

IT WAS THE BIGGEST TOTAL SINCE THE 1953 FISCAL YEAR WHEN SUCH AID TOTALLED \$6,352,000,000.

HOWEVER, BIG REPAYMENTS BY FOREIGN NATIONS CUT NET AID TO \$3.9 BILLION IN THE BOOKKEEPING YEAR WHICH ENDED LAST JUNE 30. THIS WAS LESS THAN ANY YEAR SINCE WORLD WAR II.

THE \$5.2 BILLION IN FOREIGN AID IN FISCAL 1961 BROUGHT TO \$80,607,-000,000 THIS COUNTRY HAS PROVIDED TO HELP FRIENDLY NATIONS SINCE 1945.

COUNTED IN THE \$5.2 BILLION TOTAL WERE MUTUAL SECURITY, FOOD-FOR PEACE, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND OTHER MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID PROGRAMS.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE GRANTS DROPPED TO \$1,712,000,000 FROM \$2,017,-000,000 IN FISCAL 1960 IN WHAT THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SAID WAS A "CONTINUOUS LONG GERM DECLINE."

OF THE \$3.5 BILLION IN NONMILITARY AID IN FISCAL 1961, ABOUT \$1.5 BILLION COMPRISED EXPORTS OF U. S. FARM PRODUCTS.

OTHER GOODS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES WERE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$700 MILLION AND SERVICES PURCHASED IN THE UNITED STATES ABOUT \$350 MILLION.

"THUS, ABOUT \$1.1 BILLION--SLIGHTLY LESS THAN ONE-THIRD--OF THE GROSS NONMILITARY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN FISCAL YEAR 1961 REPRESENTED AN IMMEDIATE DOLLAR OUTFLOW," THE REPORT SAID.

MILITARY AID GRANTS TO EUROPE DROPPED FROM \$781 MILLION TO \$564 MILLION. IN THE FAR EAST AND THE PACIFIC AREA, THEY WENT DOWN FROM \$742 MILLION TO \$712 MILLION, IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA FROM \$408 MILLION TO \$285 MILLION.

IN AFRICA, MILITARY GRANTS ROSE FROM \$9 MILLION TO \$21 MILLION AND IN LATIN AMERICA FROM \$52 MILLION TO \$98 MILLION.

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TAIPEI, FORMOSA, TUESDAY, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS BROKE A RECORD LULL IN THE FORMOSA STRAIT ON CHRISTMAS DAY BY FIRING 53 SHELLS AT THE QUEMOY ISLANDS, THE CHINESE NATIONALIST DEFENSE MINISTRY REPORTED TODAY.

THE REDS HAD KEPT THEIR GUNS SILENT FOR 104 DAYS UNTIL YESTERDAY'S SPORADIC GUNFIRE. THE MINISTRY DID NOT SAY WHETHER THE QUEMOY GARRISON FIRED BACK BUT SUCH LIGHT ATTACKS USUALLY ARE IGNORED.

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FIRST LEAD ALERT A39

BY RONALD THOMSON

LONDON, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE DEFENSE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THAT BRITISH SERVICEMEN AND AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER HAVE BEEN ORDERED ON STANDBY ALERT BECAUSE OF INCREASED TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

A DEFENSE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID 300 SERVICEMEN, MOSTLY CREWS OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, WERE ALERTED AND THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER CENTAUR WAS STANDING BY AT MOMBASA, KENYA, TO SAIL ON EIGHT HOURS NOTICE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST IF NEEDED.

TROOPS IN NAIROBI WERE ALSO REPORTED ON THE READY TO BE FLOWN FROM BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

THE DEFENSE MINISTRY DID NOT SAY WHAT WAS CAUSING ITS CONCERN. BUT AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAID BRITAIN WAS WORRIED BY IRAQI PREMIER ABDEL KARIM KASSEM'S CONTINUED THREATS TO ANNEX KUWAIT, A NEIGHBORING SHEIKDOM RICH IN OIL. BRITAIN RUSHED TROOPS TO KUWAIT LAST SUMMER TO STAVE OFF AN IRAQI THREAT.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THE ALERT MEASURES WERE ORDERED NOT BECAUSE OF ANY REQUEST FROM THE RULER OF KUWAIT BUT BECAUSE OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AREA.

RECENT REPORTS SAID IRAQI TROOPS WERE PREPARING TO MOVE AGAINST KUWAIT "WHILE THE BRITISH FORCES ARE EATING THEIR CHRISTMAS PUDDING."

KASSEM WAS REPORTED IMPRESSED BY THE QUICK SUCCESS OF INDIAN PRIME MINISTER NEHRU IN TAKING OVER PORTUGAL'S GOA AND TWO OTHER ENCLAVES ON THE WEST INDIAN COAST.

"DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS OUR FORECAST THAT THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD MIGHT BE USED TO INCREASE TENSION HAS BEEN PARTIALLY CONFIRMED AS FAR AS THE MIDDLE EAST IS CONCERNED," THE DEFENSE MINISTRY STATEMENT SAID.

"ALTHOUGH OPERATIONS ARE NOT THOUGHT TO BE IMMINENT, CERTAIN SMALL SCALE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES HAVE AGAIN HAD TO BE TAKEN."

BRITISH SOURCES SAID THE CREWS OF TRANSPORT PLANES WERE PUT ON ALERT AT VARIOUS BASES IN AND NEAR THE MIDDLE EAST LAST SATURDAY.

THE NEXT DAY A MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID: "IN A PERIOD OF WORLDWIDE TENSION IT IS NATURAL WE SHOULD KEEP A PROPORTION OF OUR FORCES READILY AVAILABLE."

LAST JULY BRITAIN LANDED FORCES IN KUWAIT AT KUWAIT'S REQUEST AFTER KASSEM LAID CLAIM TO THE TERRITORY. KUWAIT HAD BEEN GRANTED INDEPENDENCE BY BRITAIN, WHO IS BOUND BY TREATY TO PROTECT THE SHEIKDOM AGAINST AGGRESSION.

BRITAIN BEGAN WITHDRAWING ITS FORCE FROM KUWAIT LAST SEPTEMBER, AFTER ARAB LEAGUE COUNTRIES, OVER IRAQ'S PROTEST, HAD AGREED TO TAKE OVER PROTECTION DUTIES. ABOUT 2,000 EGYPTIAN, SAUDI ARABIAN, JORDAN AND SUDANESE TROOPS WERE ON DUTY AT KUWAIT AT THE TIME.

A WEEK AGO KUWAIT PROTESTED TO THE ARAB LEAGUE THAT IRAQ HAD SEIZED 10 KUWAITI SHIPS OFF THE IRAQI PORT OF BASRA AND FROZEN ALL KUWAITI DEPOSITS IN IRAQI BANKS.

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BERLIN-SCOTT

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-SEN. HUGH SCOTT, R-PA, SAID TODAY EAST BERLIN DEFECTORS TOLD HIM THE WALL ERECTED BY COMMUNISTS IN BERLIN COULD HAVE BEEN KNOCKED DOWN WHEN FIRST PUT UP WITHOUT CAUSING A MAJOR CONFLICT.

SCOTT, JUST BACK FROM FOUR WEEKS IN WESTERN EUROPE, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW RECORDED FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO USE IN PENNSYLVANIA THAT THE WESTERN ALLIES COULD HAVE AND SHOULD HAVE "KNOCKED THE WALL DOWN."

"I INTERVIEWED SOME OF THESE GERMAN VOPO'S (CAPS)-- THE EAST GERMAN MILITARY POLICE-- WHO DEFECTED TO THE WEST," SCOTT SAID.

"WE LEARNED FROM THEM IN DIRECT QUESTIONING THAT THEIR ORDERS WERE THAT HAD WE MOVED IN TO SMASH THAT WALL DOWN, THEIR ORDERS WERE TO WITHDRAW AND NOT TO FIRE UNLESS WE HAD FIRED ON GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WHICH THEY CALL 'STATE BUILDINGS.'

"AND I ALSO HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT ONLY ONE OUT OF FOUR OF THOSE SOLDIERS HAD BULLETS IN HIS GUN," SCOTT CONTINUED. "AND THEREFORE, WE COULD HAVE DONE IT."

MANY LEADERS INCLUDING MAYOR WILLY BRANDT OF WEST BERLIN, SCOTT SAID, BELIEVE REMOVAL OF THE WALL DIVIDING EAST AND WEST BERLIN SHOULD BE A CONDITION OF ANY SETTLEMENT OF THE BERLIN CONTROVERSY.

"TO MY MIND, THIS WALL IS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE DIGNITY OF MAN-KIND," SCOTT SAID. "I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO PERSONALLY ANGRY AND SO PERSONALLY WILLING TO HELP CLAW SOMETHING DOWN AS I WAS WHEN I SAW WHAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE DONE TO ENSLAVE THE FREE--THE FORMER FREE PEOPLE OF EAST BERLIN."

COMMUNIST LEADERS ERECTED THE WALL, HE SAID, "NOT TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT, BUT TO KEEP PEOPLE IN-- AN ADMISSION OF FAILURE."

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(200) RUSSIA-GREECE  
WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE DEPARTMENT TODAY DESCRIBED AS A "FAMILIAR ELEMENT OF SOVIET TACTICS" RUSSIA'S WARNING TO GREECE AGAINST ACCEPTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE SOVIETS, IN A DEC. 23 NOTE TO GREECE, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE ALLEGED INSTALLATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN GREECE, A MEMBER OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

MOSCOW SAID THE CONSEQUENCE COULD BE THAT THE TINY KINGDOM ON THE MEDITERRANEAN MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN "DANGEROUS WAR GAMBLERS."

SUCH THREATS AGAINST MEMBERS OF NATO ARE "A FAMILIAR ELEMENT OF SOVIET TACTICS," STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER LINCOLN WHITE SAID TODAY. HE ADDED:

"THE SPECTACLE OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ENGAGING IN THREATS AGAINST A SMALL COUNTRY WHOSE TRADITIONAL DEDICATION TO BOTH PEACE AND LIBERTY IS FAMOUS, IS NOT AN EDIFYING ONE."

NEITHER WHITE NOR OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE WILLING TO SAY WHETHER NATO HAS ON GREEK SOIL NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR VEHICLES WHICH COULD DELIVER NUCLEAR BOMBS.

WHITE STRESSED IN HIS STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS A FRIEND AND ALLY OF GREECE AND, THEREFORE, THERE "SHOULD NOT BE ANY DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT THE UNITED STATES IS FULLY PREPARED TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO GREECE AND TO THE OTHER NATO ALLIES."

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